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The British Minister at Peking has demanded an indemnity from the Chinese Government for seven chests of Indian opium burnt two or three months ago at Anking and which recently formed the subject of an inquiry by Sir EVERARD FRASER, the Consul-General at Shanghai, who proceeded to the port on board H.M.S. *Flora*. According to the organ of the Chinese Foreign Office, the Ministry, in reply, "is reported to have stated that as the opium referred to belonged to Chinese merchants, the Chinese Government would freely deal with them, if necessary, and for the British Minister to demand indemnity for Chinese citizens seemed to be unnecessary interference." All things are not, however, what they may seem. Very skilful and plausible arguments are employed in the Chinese newspapers to support what seems to us to be a clear evasion of the Opium Agreement between Great Britain and China. The opium which forms the subject of a demand for indemnity had paid to the Chinese customs the heavy duty imposed upon it, but no sooner had it been transferred to the Chinese purchaser than the authorities seized and burnt it. One point in the Chinese defence is that the owners and transporters of the opium were asked to show the transit pass, and they did not show it. Consequently "the opium was seized, confiscated and burned in accordance with the laws of the province." The law of the province on this particular point, as passed by the Provincial Assembly during the present year, is to the effect that

opium illegally held or transported shall be seized and burnt. Furthermore, Article 266 of the Chinese Criminal Code, adopted by the National Council of the Republic of China in June this year, is quoted as support for the action of the Anking authorities, viz., "Any person who shall manufacture, deal or possess opium for the purposes of sale, or who shall import opium from foreign countries shall be subject to imprisonment of the fifth to the third grade and a fine of not more than \$500." According to an account of the affair given by the Governor of Anhui, a communication was received from Waichiao-pu in Peking, soon after the burning of the opium, saying that on the 20th of September, the British Minister had sent a note to that Board in which it was said that according to the statement of the British Consul, at Shanghai, the Anhui provincial authorities had established Bureaux for selling opium and had prohibited the importation of foreign opium into the province. It was also demanded that compensation to the owner of the burnt opium should be made. The Governor said: "The report of Bureaux being established for selling opium is false," and he continued to explain the situation saying:—

"Since I, Wen Wu, took the post of Governor of this province, the orders for the prohibition of planting, smoking and selling of opium have been strictly executed. We are seeking to obey the orders sent out by our Cabinet in Peking, on May 16th, 1912. Telegrams have also been sent to the Governors of other provinces stopping any opium from these other provinces coming in, and orders have been issued that anyone found planting opium will be shot. Repeated orders have been issued to the people so that they may know our firm determination to stamp out the opium evil. Under the New Opium Agreement (Art. VII.) no obstruction should be made to our new laws and efforts to suppress opium. On the 5th of October the British Consul came to Anking, on a man-of-war, to look into the matter of the opium burning. I sent our Chief of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs to see him. He said he did not wish to leave his ship, and wanted me to come on board his warship. I would not do so, but said as he was here to investigate the opium burning, he had better come to the city and do so personally. He then came to my office, but not willingly. His ship fired 13 guns when he left the ship! He brought some Imperial Decrees of the late Ching Dynasty. I did not care to discuss them with him, but had the Treaties of Tientsin, the Chefoo Convention, and last year's Agreement at hand to show him the reason for my action. I said these were formal Treaties published by our Peking Government. The British Consul then said he would report the same to our chief of the Anhui Bureau of Foreign Affairs to the Chinese Foreign Office at Peking. Our Chief said he was quite willing to have him do so. The British Consul then left my office. We did not expect foreign interference, when a Chinese official, in the interior, is dealing with a Chinese subject who is not observing our own laws. Many other lots of opium have been burned in this province, in several districts, when found illegally concealed. What I have done is to carry out the laws prohibiting opium in this province, which are known to the people. I have not offended any Treaty. Can any enlightened nation criticise China for seeking to stamp out this trade?"

The answer to that question is, of course emphatically in the negative, but every enlightened nation must condemn China for deliberately violating an international agreement whereby she pledged herself to act in this matter in accordance with its terms. No provincial or federal law can override an international agreement. It is contended by the Chinese authorities and their foreign supporters that the Chinese Government is free to suppress the retail trade in opium and to make it a penal offence to possess opium in any quantity, and they rest their case on the following words contained in the Opium Agreement of 1911:—"The foregoing stipulations shall not derogate in any manner from the force of laws already published or hereafter to be published by the Chinese Government to suppress the smoking of opium and to regulate the retail trade in the drug in general." This is the last sub-section of Clause VII. and against this we may quote the first sub-section which provides that "On confirmation of this Agreement and beginning with the collection of the new rate of consolidated import duty, China will at once cease to be withdrawn all restrictions placed by the Provincial authorities on the wholesale trade in Indian opium, such as those recently imposed at Canton and elsewhere, and also all taxation on the wholesale trade other than the consolidated import duty, and no such restrictions or taxation shall be again imposed so long as the Additional Article to the Chefoo Agreement remains as at present in force." Though the Agreement is very badly drawn up it nevertheless seems to us to give an incontrovertible guarantee that all the opium which is entitled under the Agreement to admission into China shall enjoy an unrestricted sale in any province until the cultivation or import of native opium into that province has been effectively suppressed. By Article III. the British Government has given an undertaking that "Indian opium shall not be conveyed into any province in China, which can establish by clear evidence that it has effectively suppressed the cultivation

and import of native opium." In the province of Anhui, as is stated above, the Indian opium merchants alleged that Bureaux were being set up for selling opium, i.e., native opium, the import of foreign opium being prohibited. The Governor of Anhui declared this statement to be false. It is, obviously, the correct course was to invite the investigation contemplated by the treaty and if he could furnish clear evidence of a total suppression of traffic in native opium then he was entitled to call upon the British authorities to fulfil their part of the bargain. He did not do this, and we may feel confident that the British Minister has not demanded an indemnity without having the clearest proof that it can be justly claimed. It is not sufficient for the Chinese authorities to say that telegrams have been sent by the Governor of Anhui to the Governors of other provinces "stopping any other opium from these other provinces coming in." Everybody—and best of all the Chinese themselves—know what value to place upon such futile announcements.

It was currently reported yesterday that "boycott areas" were being marked out.

Several native craft are reported to have been overturned in the harbour in the small last evening.

The Bishop of Victoria is to preach at St. Paul's Chinese Church to-morrow (Sunday) morning and at the Cathedral in the evening.

Major-General T. E. Stephenson having proceeded on leave, Lieut.-Colonel D. Ridout, R.E., has assumed command of the troops at Singapore.

Mr. Tomas Osmeña, uncle of the Speaker of the Philippine Assembly, one of the richest and most influential men in Cebu, died last week at the age of seventy.

The Ceylon Observer mentions Sir Arthur Young, Governor of the Straits Settlements, as a possible Governor of Ceylon, vice Sir Henry McCallum, who has resigned owing to ill-health.

Mr. R. C. D. Guinness, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Rangoon, is one of the 482 recipients in Burma, official and unofficial, European and native, of the Silver Durbar Coronation Medal of 1911.

A cargo coolie, living in Canton Road, Kowloon, has been admitted to Hospital suffering from a fractured leg and other injuries, caused by having been accidentally crushed between a truck and some cargo on the pier at the Kowloon godowns.

With reference to the statement in our issue of 27th to the effect that the fire which occurred the previous day at the Portuguese Consulate was probably caused by the fusing of electric wires, we are asked by the Hongkong Electric Company to state that such was not the case.

It is stated that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has purchased another steamer in England. She is now being built by Messrs. Russell & Co., of Glasgow, and will be delivered to the buyers in July next year. She is similar to the vessel recently purchased from the same yard, and is of 9,750 tons deadweight.

We are in receipt of a pamphlet published in Japanese by the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce (Japanese) regarding the forthcoming opening of the Panama Canal. It discusses Japan's trade relations with foreign countries after the opening of this international waterway, and with it is published a coloured map showing trade routes by way of the Canal.

The British North Borneo official gazette gives the annual report on the Customs Department of Sandakan for 1911, showing the total volume of trade to have been \$3,500,312, against \$3,033,524 in 1910, i.e., \$466,788 better, or over 15 per cent. This is including treasure. Leaving out the treasure, the figures are \$3,277,790, against \$2,851,949 in 1910, or close on 15 per cent. increase. In imports by far the largest increase is in rice, flour, and grain, 12,844 piculs or \$118,374.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG v. SHANGHAI "POSSIBLES."

This game will be played on the Club Ground at Happy Valley to-day, the kick-off being fixed for 4 p.m. The following players will represent Hongkong—R. C. Barlow, H. I. Jones and A. Hamilton; D. Campbell, R. F. Long, and C. Wilkie; N. L. Bailton, W. A. Wilson, W. V. Pennell, R. J. Brown, and W. B. Rigden.

CRICKET.

CHAIKONG v. C.C.C. "A" v. DIOCESAN PARTY AND PRESENT.

This friendly match will be played this afternoon, commencing at 2.15 p.m., on the C.C.C. ground. The following will play for the C.C.C.—H. H. Taylor, J. V. Braga, E. L. Braga, R. F. Carvalho, L. A. Rose, D. R. Khora, F. Remedios, S. B. Battilwar, S. D. Setna, W. J. Mooney, J. D. Noria.

TELEGRAMS. TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

A DISMAL CHRISTMASTIDE.

P. AND O. LINER IN SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES.

LONDON, December 27th.

A most dismal Christmas Day was followed by a depressing gale and rain on Boxing Day, and there were numerous wrecks along the coasts. There was a terrific storm in Devon and Cornwall, with lightning and torrential rains. Two passenger steamers and many other vessels went ashore, telegraph poles and telephones went down, and much damage was done to property.

LATER.

Yesterday's hurricane was most severe on the South Coast. At Plymouth, where it blew at the rate of 83 miles an hour, four vessels were wrecked. There were exciting scenes of rescues. A lifeboat, full of shipwrecked people, was blown ashore, but was subsequently refloated. An abnormal tide flooded Portsmouth, Southampton, and towns in the Isle of Wight, doing great damage.

The Midlands of England are inundated.

The steamer *Ripon*, bound for Philadelphia, put back into Queenstown, battered by the storm. A huge wave badly hurt seven of the crew and drowned one man.

The P. & O. str. *Narrung*, from London to Sydney, has been hit by wireless telegraph from Ushant that she is returning to London, having much water in the hold and having sustained serious damage. Steamers are hastening to her assistance.

The *Narrung* had on board 248 passengers for Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide, and also a number for Capetown. The *Narrung* has telegraphed by wireless that she is within sight of the *Narrung's* lights. The *Bavaria* is also close at hand. The *Narrung* reported that her foredeck was swept. The position at six o'clock yesterday evening was still very bad.

LATEST.

The station at the Lizard received a wireless message at 9.15 last night that the *Narrung* does not now require assistance. The P. & O. Company announces that the *Narrung* has wired that she is steaming back at ten knots.

Powerful tugs were sent to her assistance from Falmouth, but the weather has moderated and further favourable news is hourly expected.

The *Narrung* is out of danger and is steaming off the Isle of Wight at her usual speed.

ROYAL PLANS UPSET.

LONDON, December 27th.

The Sandringham shoot has had to be abandoned on account of the inclemency of the weather.

The King had a slight chill yesterday, but was well again to-day. His Majesty attended the festivities at Sandringham on Christmas-Eve, but was unable to attend Church yesterday with Queen Alexandra and other members of the Royal Family, or to participate in the Queen-Mother's dinner party.

THE DELHI OUTRAGE.

LONDON, December 27th.

A message from Delhi states that Lord Hardinge on Thursday night was much better. He said in the evening that the attempt on his life had not changed his feelings for India and her people and would make no difference in his policy. He could feel sympathy for the shame and horror with which India would be filled.

Lord Hardinge's deafness in the right ear has improved. The wounds are now painless, and he slept well.

The Police enquiry is proceeding in the Bank premises in the Chandnichowk. The magnitude of the awards have had a marked effect on the native community.

THE TURKISH CLAIMS.

LONDON, December 27th.

According to Constantinople newspapers, the Turkish counterclaims to the terms of the Allies include the retention of Adrianople and Salonika under Turkish sovereignty. They agree to concede Bulgaria a port in the Aegean Sea, and are prepared to make a similar concession to Serbia of a port in the Adriatic, but refuse to entertain the idea of a pecuniary indemnity.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRENCH PREMIER AND THE PRESIDENCY.

LONDON, December 27th.

The French Premier, M. Poincaré, has consented to be the Republican candidate for the French Presidency.

THE PRIZE RING.

LONDON, December 27th.

Reuter's correspondent at Sydney telegraphs that Langford beat McVea in the thirteenth round. The fight was fiercely contested, McVea behaving most pluckily though completely outclassed.

A CANTON OPIUM ORDER.

ANOTHER VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

It is reported that the Commissioner of Police at Canton has issued an order absolutely forbidding the importation of opium after December 31st of the present year.

By Article III. of the Opium Agreement the British Government agreed that Indian opium shall not be conveyed into any province of China which can establish by clear evidence that it has effectively suppressed the cultivation and import of native opium, but the clause also states: "It is understood, however, that the closing of the ports of Canton and Shanghai to the import of Indian opium shall not take effect except as the final step on the part of the Chinese Government for the completion of the above measure."

There seems to be abundant evidence that opium is still being cultivated in many parts of China, including the province of Kwantung, and the order promulgated by the Canton Commissioner of Police, therefore, constitutes but another example of the way in which this Agreement is being violated.

ADMIRAL WINSLOE'S SUCCESSOR.

Admiral Winsloe's successor in the command of the China Squadron is to be Rear-Admiral Thomas H. M. Jerram, C.B., late second in command of the Mediterranean Fleet. A London paper remarks: "It is somewhat of a surprise to find that Admiral Sir Alfred Winsloe is to be relieved by a rear-admiral. This is an indication, perhaps, that the Eastern Fleet will in future be under the supreme command of the admiral flying his flag in the Australian Squadron."

FERRIS HARTMANN COMPANY.

In spite of the inclement weather last night there was a very good house at the Theatre Royal to witness "A Trip Abroad," a three-act musical comedy. The piece abounds in catchy tunes and smart dialogue and was a pronounced success. The leading parts were, of course, in the hands of Miss "Muggins" Walter, Mr. Ferris Hartmann and Mr. Davis de Leon, and this is a sufficient guarantee as to the excellence of their rendition. The chorus was particularly good; in fact up to the standard of the best companies that have shown in Hongkong for some considerable time. To-night there will be staged "The Girl and The Boy."

THE LOAD-LINE.

In the House of Commons on the 2nd inst.:

Mr. W. Thorne (West Ham, S. Lab.) asked the President of the Board of Trade if he was aware that the Government of 1905 made arrangements with the shipbuilding interests of other countries to raise the English load-line; if he was aware that it was estimated at the time that the raising of the load-line was equivalent to the adding of one million tons deadweight carrying capacity to the mercantile marine; if he was aware that raising the load-line had been the means of saving the shipowners something like 7½ million pounds; and whether it was the intention of the Government to reduce the load-line to what it was prior to 1908. Mr. Buxton (Tower Hamlets, Poplar) replied:—There is no foundation for the suggestion made in the first part of the question, and I informed my hon. friend on February 27th, 1911, that the estimate of 1,000,000 tons is a great overstatement. I do not know the basis of my hon. friend's estimate of 7½ million pounds. As my hon. friend is aware, the load-line of British ships are fixed solely in reference to the question of safety, and not to the possible effect on shipbuilding. As regards the last part of the question, I would refer to the reply which I gave on Thursday last to the hon. member for South Glamorgan.

Next Easter falls within twenty-four hours of the earliest possible date, i.e., it falls, that is to say, on March 23rd. It can never fall earlier than March 23rd. To bring this about requires the assistance of a full moon on the 21st and of a Sunday on the 22nd. And these are conditions that happen only about once in a century.

THE CHEUNG CHAU PIRACY.

PRISONERS BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

At the Magistrate's Court, before Mr. Hazeland, two Chinese and a man were charged with armed robbery and with receiving stolen goods. The defendants were originally charged with murder, but it was eventually reduced.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson (Assistant Crown Solicitor), who prosecuted, said the case was of a very serious nature. The three defendants charged were only three of a great number of men and women who attacked the Island of Cheung Chau on the 19th August last, and were the only ones arrested so far in connection with this piracy. At about 10 o'clock in the evening on the day in question a large number of men landed on the island from a junk, and attacked first of all, apparently, the Police Station. The sergeant in charge was at that time living at his quarters higher up the hill, and the only people inside the Police Station were two Indian constables and Chan Tak, a shroff. The latter would tell his Worship that he was awakened by the sound of firing and men shouting, and he saw about 90 or 30 men with firearms. They held him and, pointing revolvers at him, demanded the keys of the safe. Chan Tak did not have them, and the pirates tied him up. There was a lot of indiscriminate firing, in which an Indian constable and also a Chinese were killed. They went into the charge-room and broke open the safe, appropriating revolvers, carbines, ammunition, etc., and \$1,082 in money, and then proceeded to pillage the village. A pawnshop was robbed to the extent of \$2,780, and a piece goods shop was raided, property to the value of \$612 being stolen. The men took Chan Tak to the wharf and from thence to the launch *Lee Tak*, which the pirates commandeered, and put out to sea. He would call evidence to prove that all the goods produced were taken from Cheung Chau village. The prisoners, he might say, were not identified by any one witness as far as facial identification was concerned, but in this case there were between 30 and 40 men, and the defendants were undoubtedly not the ringleaders, but they were concerned in it. They were arrested on board the junk, which he would prove was undoubtedly the one which went to Cheung Chau with these men. The junk was not an ordinary one, as it had been fitted up for purposes of piracy. There were traces of corpses having been on the junk, and he would prove that certain coffin-makers were called to remove bodies from this junk, and that two of them were the bodies of robbers who had been killed in the skirmish on the Island. Mr. Chan Tak would say that after going on board the launch, he and the crew were hidden down below in the engine-room and were not allowed to go up until they had been on board about five hours. The engines were stopped and put out of gear, and all the robbers sailed away in another junk. Mr. Chan Tak was threatened, and at first they thought of holding him to ransom, but abandoned that project and allowed him to go.

THE DEATH OF SIR WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Sir William Robinson, formerly Governor and Commander-in-Chief Hongkong, whose death was reported by telegram at the beginning of the month, died at 28, Evelyn-mansions, Carlisle-place, S. W., of heart disease, at the age of 76.

Sir William Robinson, the *Times* says, had done long and distinguished service under the Colonial Office and on more than one occasion he received the thanks of the Government for the discharge of duties which required a diplomatic as well as administrative ability. He was the eldest son of the Rev. Isaac Banks Robinson by Susan, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Blomfield Syer, of Kedington, Suffolk. At the age of 18 he entered the Colonial Office as a clerk, and four years later he was appointed private secretary to Mr. Herman Merivale. In 1860 he acted in the same capacity to Lord Blackford, and from this position was promoted to be an assistant senior clerk. After serving for a while as private secretary to Mr. Edward Cardwell he was commissioned to represent the Colonial Office at the East African Slave Trade Commission. He followed his promotion as rapid. He was appointed a principal clerk in the Colonial Office in 1872, one of the Colonial Commissioners for the Vienna Exhibition in 1873, Lieutenant-Governor of the Bahamas in 1874 and Governor in 1875, Governor of the Windward Islands in 1880, of Trinidad in 1885, and Hongkong in 1891. In 1897 he received the praise of the Government for the satisfactory settlement of the Venezuelan difficulty which arose out of the cases of the vessels *Henrietta* and *Josephina*. Sir William Robinson was one of the committee for securing a permanent Colonial museum in London. He was given the K.C.M.G. in 1903 and the G.C.M.G. in 1907, the year in which he retired from the service. He was married, first, in 1862, Julia, daughter of the Rev. Robert Dampier, Robinson. She died in 1891, and in 1894 he married Felicia Ida Robinson (daughter of Mr. William Gray, who died in 1894). He had by his first wife, Julia, daughter of the Dampier, one son and three daughters, and by his second wife, Felicia, two daughters of Mr. Gray Rattray, two

THE MAGISTRACY.

Before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, a Chinese was charged with unlawfully attempting to export 200 lbs. of opium. Revenue Officer Wildenoff arrested the man. Mr. P. W. Goldring defended, and applied for a formal remand, which was granted in bail of \$500.

As a Chinese was landing at the Harbourmaster's wharf he was apprehended by Lance-Sergeant Wills for having in his possession a revolver and a quantity of ammunition. Mr. Hazeland imposed the maximum penalty of \$250, or in default two months' hard labour.

The Chinese woman who jumped into the Harbour recently and was rescued appeared before Mr. Hazeland yesterday. Asked her reason for attempting to commit suicide she said she did it in anger, and now knew she was in the wrong. His Worship allowed her to go on promising not to repeat her action.

A European named Alp employed in the Naval Yard, appeared before Mr. Melbourne yesterday for failing to comply with the Vaccination Order in reference to his child born in September of last year. Defendant declared that he had complied with the Order, the child having been vaccinated in February last, and the staff surgeon's note to that effect had been forwarded to the Sanitary Board. An official of the Board informed the Magistrate that the note had not been received, and defendant promised that he would get another order from the staff surgeon and would forward it to the authorities. His Worship ordered him to do so without delay.

The police received certain information that a room in 333, Queen's Road West was being used for the purpose of printing lottery tickets, and Inspector Dymond, Sergeant Adlington, and a number of police raided the premises. A big haul was made of lottery tickets, type and printing material and five men were arrested. Inspector Dymond informed Mr. Hazeland that there was a lot of this going on in the Colony. The establishment concerned in this case was really a branch of the Macao Pau-piu Lottery, and had taken up its abode on the second floor of this house, and only ten doors from the Police Station. There was no doubt that they were doing a good deal of business, although they had not been there very long. Somebody, he thought, must be backing them, because they had a good deal of printing material. The police had great difficulty in securing information in these cases because the men concerned were prepared to pay heavy "silence money." He asked for a heavy penalty. His Worship fined the first defendant \$100, or one month's hard labour, on the first charge, of printing the tickets, and on the second charge, of having the tickets in his possession, \$500, or three months', the sentences to run consecutively; the second and fourth defendants were fined \$20 each on the first charge. The third and fifth defendants were discharged. The property was ordered to be confiscated.

THE POLICE DANCE.

The annual Police dance took place in the City Hall last night, and proved an even greater success than those of former years. This is saying a good deal, but there can be no doubt that the committee entrusted with the arrangements carried out their duties in a manner that makes the 1912 dance compare favourably indeed with its predecessors. The attendance was as large as usual, and the dance arrangements being so admirably attended to the enjoyment of practically everyone was secured. St. George's Hall was transformed into a beautiful ball room, lace curtains and evergreens over the portals making the interior look very cosy and comfortable. The reception room, too, was well arranged, and none of the details that spell comfort or enjoyment were lacking.

Dancing commenced at nine o'clock to the music supplied by the band of the K.O.Y.L., who came from camp specially for the occasion, and as the floor was in excellent condition the programme proved most attractive. It included some twenty-two dances, the numbers embracing such old favourites as Sir Roger de Coverley, D'Alberty, etc.

Among the guests were seen a fair number of military and naval representatives. Messrs. Grant, Cooper, A. Clark, and R. Roddick acted as M.C.s, and did much to contribute to the general enjoyment.

Supper was served in St. Andrew's Hall, the catering being in the hands of the Astor House Hotel. The general arrangements were carried out by a strong committee, of which Mr. Inspector Baker was chairman, and Mr. A. Pattison secretary.

The programme was carried through with much zest, and "Auld Lang Syne" was not sung till well beyond the "wee short cor."

SOLICITORS AS FRIENDS.

In the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court yesterday the case was mentioned in which a ship's officer was sued for \$75. Mr. M. J. D. Stephens appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Tso appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Tso said his client could not afford to pay and offered \$10 a month.

Mr. Stephens replied that if the man could afford to engage a solicitor he could afford to pay his debts.

Mr. Tso said that he happened to be on board the steamer on Thursday, and he was appearing almost as a friend.

Mr. Stephens—These solicitors do not appear for their friends so regularly. If they do they must be hard up. I ask for judgment for the full amount with costs.

His Lordship—I might make an order for \$20.

Mr. Stephens—Would your Lordship make it \$25 a month?

His Lordship—The defendant is getting \$100 a month and is already paying \$50 under two judgments, and he has two children to keep.

Eventually, on the application of Mr. Tso, his Lordship entered judgment for plaintiff for \$20 a month.

GAMING DEBTS.

AN INTERESTING JUDGMENT.

His Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) sitting in the Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court delivered an interesting judgment. The parties were Chinese, and the claim was for money lent, the defence being that \$500 of the claim represented money lost in playing *yai tau*, a game of chance in which dice and dominoes were used and that the balance of the claim was for money lent to be used in playing that game. His Lordship in the course of his judgment said—Very circumstantial evidence was given on both sides and it is common ground that the transaction took place in a brothel. I do not propose to review the evidence in detail. Had there been a jury in this case I should have left the matter to them with the direction that they were to find for whichever party they believed on the facts as a whole to be telling the truth. Putting the case to myself in the same manner I have no hesitation in saying that I believe the defence and that I reject the story told by the plaintiffs' witnesses. Having got so far I have to decide whether the defence proved is good in law. In my opinion it is, as to the whole of the claim. It seems that the Act 13, Geo. II, cap. 19, makes illegal games played with dice. Money, therefore, lost at such a game cannot be recovered: the only consideration for the promise to pay is an illegal one. Again, money lent for the purpose of playing at an illegal game cannot be recovered back. The lender is himself a party to the violation of the statute. I must give judgment for the defendant with costs.

TREASURES OF THE CHINESE EMPERORS.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR SALE IN LONDON.

The *London Daily Express* understands that negotiations are now in progress, which will probably lead to one of the most sensational sales of art treasures that has ever taken place in London. This is none other than the offer at public auction of the wonderful treasures from the imperial palaces in China, which have been in the possession of the Chinese Imperial family for centuries. The collection includes the finest specimens of every form of Chinese porcelain and ceramics, and is unique and enormously valuable. Some of the pieces taken during the looting of the Summer Palace in Peking in the Boxer rising trace back at least three thousand years. No one, says our contemporary, can compute the value of the porcelain owned by the Imperial family. It can only be described as fabulous. The Chinese palaces are vast storehouses of art treasures. Tsi Hsi, the late Dowager-Empress, was an assiduous collector, for she used to receive on her birthdays quantities of bronzes, black pearls, and gold ornaments of rare workmanship from loyal subjects who wished to buy her favours.

A SOBER NATION.

Taking as his text the belief that "we are now a sober nation," Dr. Charles Mercier has been discussing the effects of alcohol. He deals with the days when drunkenness was the fashion; when our forefathers sang, as they were taught to believe, that:—

He who drinks small beer and goes to bed sober
Falls as the leaves fall, and dies in October.

The doctor (he writes) was often half-seas over when he attended his drunken patient; the parson was often drunk in the pulpit; judge, counsel, and attorneys pursued their vocations in court in a prevailing atmosphere of hot coppers.

The Prime Minister went drunk to the House of Commons, where he was attacked by the Leader of the Opposition, also drunk, while order was kept by a Speaker who was half-seas over.

As you passed along the bye-streets of London you might read the legend hung out over the drink cellars, "Here you may get drunk for a penny: dead drunk and clean straw for twopenny."

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth in their weekly share report dated 27th December state:—

Business has been interrupted by the Xmas holidays, but the market closes strong, a fair amount of business passing principally for settlement account. Fine Hard Para Rubber is quoted 4/7 per lb. and the market for shares closes quiet. The Bank of England rate of discount is unchanged at 5 per cent, and the open market rate has dropped to 4 1/2 per cent. Bar Silver is 28 15-16 for ready and 29 1/2 for forward delivery. Sterling T.T. closed to-day at 2/- 13-16 and Shanghai T.T. at 7 1/2.

BANKS.—Have changed hands at \$830 in fair quantities and are still on offer. London quotes £24 10s.

MARINE INSURANCE.—Unions have been neglected at \$117 1/2 sellers. Cantons are steady at \$270 after sales. North China are quoted \$125 sellers. Yangtzes are unaltered at \$103 1/2 ex 73.

FIRE INSURANCE.—Hongkong Fires have further improved to \$375 buyers and China Fires to \$149 buyers without business.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao are quieter with sellers at \$28 1/2. Indo-China are without business at \$38. London quotes £8 10s. middle price. China and Manilas changed hands at various rates up to \$13, but are weaker at the close, shares offering at \$12 1/2. Douglas are steady at \$34 1/2. Star Ferries have been sold at \$35 closing in request. Shell Transports are in demand for London account at 111/6.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars after sales at \$105 and \$108 are in demand at the latter rate. Lurons have weakened to \$34 sellers.

MINING.—Raubs changed hands at various rates up to \$4.35, but close quiet at \$4. Tronohs have improved to \$2/- buyers for London account. China Engineering are steady at 35/-.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been sold at \$56 and \$58 1/2 closing in demand at \$56 1/2. Kowloon Wharves after declining to \$75 rose rapidly to \$78 buyers. New Amoy Docks are offered for \$81. Shanghai Docks have advanced to \$55 buyers. Hongkong Wharves are unchanged at \$103.

LANDS, HOUSES AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands are quiet at \$105. Kowloon Lands are wanted at \$36 and West Points at \$57. Hongkong Hotels have been done at \$115 for the old shares; the new remain steady at \$73. Humphreys Estates have been sold at \$83 closing steady. Shanghai Lands are quoted \$90.

COTTON MILLS.—Hongkong Cottons have been booked at \$8 1/2 closing in request. Ewos are wanted at \$121 and Shanghai Cottons at \$114.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Borneos at \$94, Dairy Farms at \$214 and Green Island Cements at \$44. There have been sales of Electric at \$25 1/2 (old) are required for Peak Tramways. Waterboats have been booked at \$14 and Watsons at \$9, closing in request at \$6.10. China Light and Powers were sold at \$22, sellers now asking \$23. Fisheries, Steam Laundries, Pools, and Ropes are wanted at quotations.

LONDON QUOTATIONS.—Owing to holidays we have not received our weekly quotations.

HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE.

Six teams have entered to compete for the Shield presented to the League by Mr. R. E. Bellis, viz:—

R. N. Dockyard.—R. Stewart, R. N. Dockyard.

Taihook.—J. D. Danby, Butterfield & Swire, Hongkong Police, P. J. Wadehouse, Hongkong Police Station.

Hongkong Volunteers.—J. A. E. Bullock, Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong Reserves.—W. Dobbs, P. W. D. H.M.S. Minotaur.

H.M.S. Minotaur.

Week-ends have been allotted for league matches and the teams have been drawn as follows:—

January 25th & 26th.—Taihook v. Volunteers. Reserves v. Police.

February 8th & 9th.—D'yard v. Volunteers. Taihook v. Police.

22nd & 23rd.—Dockyard v. Taihook. Volunteers v. Reserves.

March 15th & 16th.—Police v. Dockyard. Reserves v. Taihook.

29th & 30th.—Police v. Volunteers. Reserves v. Dockyard.

Notes for team secretaries:—

1.—Secretary of first-named team is responsible for all arrangements of the match.

2.—Matches to be "shot off" on the range of the first-named team if possible. In cases where the first-named team have no range of their own the secretary must make arrangements to secure one and notify their opponents. (Taihook, Taihook and King's Park Range could be obtained almost any Sunday afternoon.)

3.—Matches must be "shot off" on dates allotted above. In case, however, of weather being unfavourable the secretaries of teams must arrange another date and notify league committee of same within 4 days, otherwise the match will be considered as cancelled.

4.—Secretaries of teams from H.M. Ships who enter the league must fix three dates or can arrange to shoot three-cornered matches on any of the above dates.

5.—As it is very probable the interport match will take place during April, that month has been kept free from league matches to enable the interport team to practice.

Mr. Mowbray E. Northcote is the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Rifle League.

TALL TIDE STORY.

In Scotland they learn to look at things from a business point of view early in life. A stockbroker, whose veracity is vouched for, rang up a Glasgow newspaper office to tell this story.

He read to his son, aged six, that the tide at the Broomielaw had been 25ft. the highest for twenty years. The boy's comment was "That would be the time to sell, father, wouldn't it?"

THE VALUE OF HONGKONG TO THE EMPIRE.

Mr. Stanley Portal Hyatt, in the course of an article in the *London Evening News* on the reported intention of the Indian Princes to make a gift of a whole squadron of twelve warships to the Empire, remarks:—

The greatness, the very existence even, of our Empire, depends on our retaining control of the highway of the East. It is easy to talk of our great Colonies, to open a map and gleam over huge blotches of red, South Africa, Australia, Canada. You can find them at once, put your finger on them, and point out to the benighted foreigner how large a slice of the earth we own.

LITTLE RED DOTS.

But Singapore and Hongkong are not so obvious. They are mere dots, really a few square miles, and to the average homespoken man they seem of little importance. How many thousand Hongkongers would it take to fill up the great desert in the centre of the Australian continent?

It would be interesting to give that problem to a child to work out, but it would be even more interesting, far more practical, afterwards to drive home to that child the fact that Hongkong is the greatest port in the world, the brightest jewel in the British Crown, the Clearing House of a hemisphere.

That tiny red dot on the China coast represents more in wealth to that does the whole of the big red blotch which is marked "Australia."

We are proud of Australia, justly proud. It represents one of the achievements of our race; but there is no disguising the fact that if, to-morrow, Australia decided to break away and set up a king of its own, or a president, we should suffer very little material loss.

Our pride would be hurt. We should lose faith in the colonial system we have built up so patiently; but the pocket of the nation would not suffer, provided the new Power did not repudiate its financial obligations.

Australian trade would come to us still, because Australia wants to sell things which we are anxious to buy.

But if we lost Hongkong, London—a great part of London, at any rate—would find itself on the verge of bankruptcy.

A LONDON QUESTION.

The Far Eastern trade is one of the main factors, probably The Main Factor, in the business life of the City. The whole of the produce of Asia is dealt with in London. Even though a cargo of teak is destined to go to the United States, and eventually goes direct from Singapore to San Francisco, the deal is done in London, brokerage is paid in London, helping to pay the salaries of London clerks.

The Far Eastern trade is immense, overwhelming. And we do it all because we hold the command of the great trade route of the world, because Fern, and Hongkong, the Keys of the East, are ours.

That is the secret of our immense national wealth—we are the keepers of the world's great highway.

The Indian Princes realise that, hence the discussion of this magnificent offer of a great fleet. The offer is not more of a great fleet. It is the highest statesmanship. And it is also a stern and bitter rebuke to our provincialism; that to question the patriotism, much less the wisdom, of the great Indian princes.

The scheme may come to nothing, or may be years in bearing fruit, but the lesson of it should remain.

THE PRIZE OF THE WORLD.

After all, the Far East is the Prize of the World. From the very dawn of international history the nations have coveted the East.

Alexander understood, as did all those other conquerors who followed him, that the East was the key to the world.

Columbus went, not to discover the West Indies, but to find a new route along which the trade of the East might flow to Spain.

Napoleon went to Egypt, because, having the idea of a Suez Canal in his brain, Egypt seemed to him the one thing essential to secure the trade of the East to France.

We cannot drop this question now that it has been raised in this vivid manner, as raised suddenly, emotionally perhaps, as the way of Eastern peoples. The scheme may come to nothing, so far as the provision of the ships concerned; but it is our duty to remember the lesson and the warning and to stop at no sacrifice to maintain what we hold now.

After all, sacrifices in the wrong word. A permanent fleet guarding the Highway of half the World would be merely the finest, sanest form of National Insurance.

HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE AND SOUTHAMPTON.

It was reported at Southampton early this month that the Hamburg-American Line had decided that after the end of the present year Southampton should be the British port of call for their eastward-bound liners, instead of Plymouth.

The bound liners, which leave New York on liner America, which leaves New York on January 4th, will, it is stated, inaugurate the change. The vessels at present call at Southampton only on the westward voyage.

"TWA YAIRES."

A Scotch story seems always to sound much better than it would be in plain English. The yarn of the man who had been sent shopping is not a bad example.

Andra entered the draper's looking sorely worried. "Whit' d'ye ca' the d'evil forbye the divil?" he asked the shop-keeper anxiously.

"Safat, Andra, Safat," replied the latter in some amazement.

"That's it," said Andra in tones of relief. "Ah've been sent for twa yairs."

COMPANY MEETING.

UNITED SERDANG (SUMATRA) RUBBER PLANTATIONS (LTD.).

"A SATISFACTORY YEAR"—DIVIDEND THIRTY-FIVE PER CENT.

The fifth ordinary general meeting of shareholders was held on the 22nd ult. at the London Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Arthur Lompard presiding.

The representative of the secretaries—Harrisons & Crossfield (Limited)—having read the notice convening the meeting and the auditors' report.

The Chairman said that the company had had what he believed they would all admit to be a satisfactory year. (Hear, hear.)

The total capital was now £210,000, as against £190,000 last year. The premium on shares amounted to £62,000, as against £32,000 last year. The capital expenditure for the year had been £59,883, bringing the total amount of money spent on the property to the date of the accounts up to £222,500, or £25 7s. 6d. per acre.

That was the actual money spent on it, but deducting the premiums, the cost at which it really stood the company, in according to their books, was £27 17s. 6d. per acre—a very low figure for a magnificently found estate. (Cheers.)

The total crop of rubber secured to the date of the accounts was 534,970lb., against 218,530lb. in the previous year, and against what the directors had called the conservative estimate of 433,000lb., when they first put the probable result of the past year's working before the shareholders. The net price realised, after deducting freight and all expenses which were incurred between F.O.B. and the sale, was 4s. 3 3/4d. as against 5s. 0d. last year, and the all-in cost was 1s. 7 3/4d. against 1s. 8 3/4d. last year. In these costs there was an item which he was perfectly sure would appeal to all of them—namely, commissions and bonuses allowed to the staff who were working on the spot. (Cheers.)

He was absolutely certain that the principle of interesting all who were working for them in the prosperity of the company was one of the benefits which would come back to them all many times over.

The back to them all many times over. The coffee crop was 1,005 piculs, as against an estimate of 850 piculs, and the previous crop was 3,295 piculs. All the coffee had now been cut out, and their only cultivation from now onwards was rubber.

The price secured was £3 8s. 1 1/2d. per picul, against £3 12s. 7d., and the cost was £2 8s. 1 1/2d., against £1 11s. 5d. last year. Their total profit was £72,593, against £43,707 last year, and it was made up as to rubber by £72,350, coffee £1,000, and sundries £231—a total of £73,827, less net London expenses of £1,031. Together with the carry forward, and after deducting the interim dividend already paid, the amount available for disposal that day was £67,086; and if the shareholders agreed to the suggestions put before them with regard to the distribution of that amount, it would mean that they had distributed this year in dividends £71,732. (Cheers.)

They had transferred to reserve £10,000, and there would be a carry forward of £5,713. That was a very liberal distribution of the profits this year, but hitherto the directors had been very conservative, and they felt justified from the prospects in adopting the course laid before the shareholders.

BETTER RESULTS ANTICIPATED.

The initial stages of the company might be regarded as over, and while they would continue the policy of building up a reserve, they still believed that they would be able to do very much better for the shareholders in the current and following years than they were proposing to do that day. (Cheers.)

The average yield worked out at 269lb. per acre, and the percentage of the area tapped over to the planted area worked out at a shade under 24 per cent; and, of course, that portion which they were tapping over was not by any means in full bearing. Their planted acreage on the horizontal survey worked out at 8,266 acres, but measure topographically it worked out at 9,303 acres. The additions during the year were 195 acres. They planted up now the acres previously in Rambong, and the only product which was valued on in estates was the hevea. That area was in two compact blocks, and if the shareholders confirmed the arrangement which the directors recommended to them to acquire the Serdang (Sumatra) property, that property adjoined the Naga Timboul division to the west, and had many advantages. The wedding of the estate had cost them 1s. 2 3/4d. per acre per month, against 1s. 5d. in the previous year, and the whole of the estate was absolutely clean from one end to the other. (Cheers.)

Their labour force on August 31st amounted to 3,569, as against 2,680 at the same date last year, and the health had been very good; the death-rate worked out at 3.84 per cent. In regard to the growth and general condition of the rubber, they had had no new pests or diseases—in fact, they had lessened—and they were not going to be worried by pests and diseases to any great extent. (Hear, hear.)

The only trouble really which they seemed to have had this year was on account of deer and pig, but it was not serious. The growth of the rubber was excellent, and was also the renewal of the bark, which was a very important feature, and it was due to the system of wide planting which had been carried on throughout the estate. (Cheers.)

Generally speaking, he was confident that the properties were in first-class order in every shape and form; and, class order in every shape and form; and, considering that they had a drought from January to May and another from the middle of June to August, the crop middle of June to August, the crop was extremely satisfactory and secured well for the future productive capacity of the estates under normal conditions.

THE CURRENT YEAR'S ESTIMATES.

They were estimating in the current year for a crop of 921,000lb., that was on a conservative basis, and he thought that a little more might be secured from 2,843 acres, or, roughly speaking, 34 per cent. of the total acreage for a capital expenditure were estimating for a capital expenditure of £22,500 was for building. That, which was not mean, as some people imagined, an immediate issue of fresh capital; it might do, and it would do, possibly somewhere about the middle of next year. The capital expenditure, for that year on the present plan, was not a great deal of further acreage, unless a great deal of further

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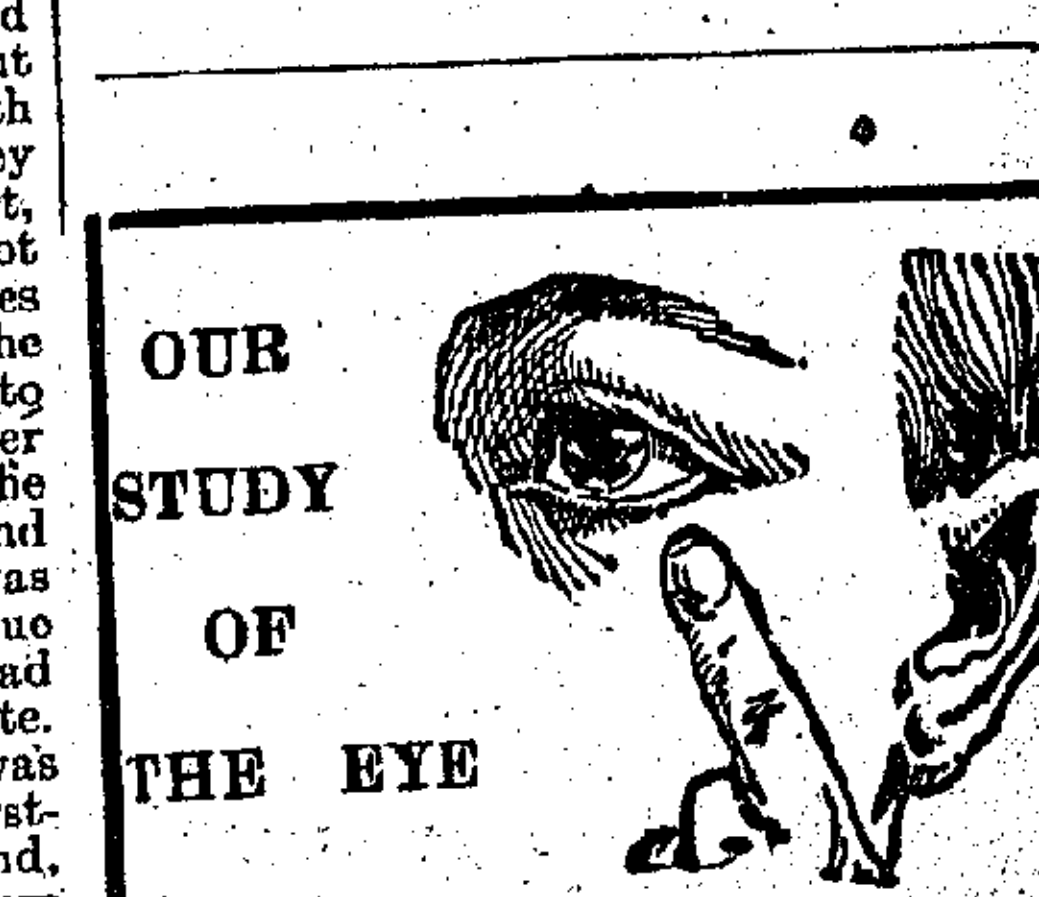
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By Order of the Board,
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Hongkong, 24th December, 1912. [1455]



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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1912. [1451]

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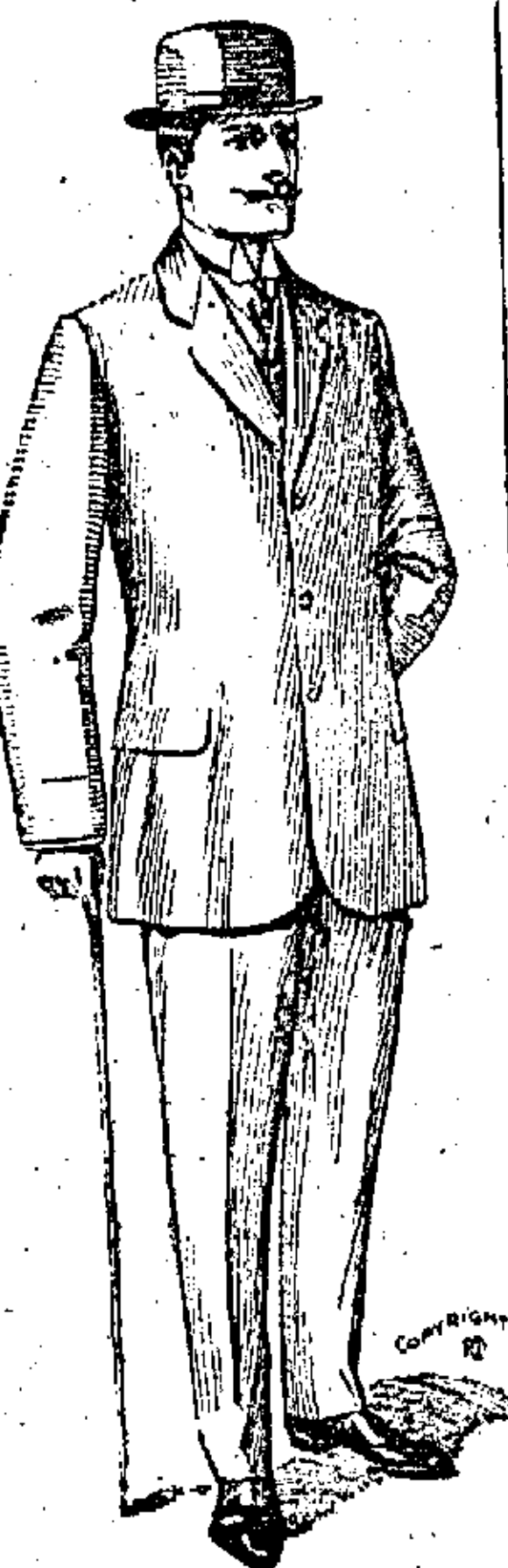
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COMPANY MEETING.
(Continued from page 3.)

work was taken up, would very much decrease; he thought that, possibly, the capital expenditure for the year after this would be somewhere about £25,000, and it would drop in the following year, in all probability, to about £15,000. The estimated cost of the crop they hoped and expected to harvest this year was 12, 2.00d. per lb., f.o.b. That meant a saving of rather over 2d. per lb. on the cost of the year under review. (Hear, hear.) Up to date they had secured 210,888lb. of rubber, and they had sold forward 486,000lb., or 208 tons, at an average price over 1913 of 4s. 6d. (Cheers.) The amount of rubber secured for November was 79,714lb., which was a record for them. It went against 34,074lb. in the corresponding month of last year. He thought that that was an indication that their estimate of 900,000lb. odd would be secured, and he hoped to see it touch 1,000,000lb. (Cheers.) At their last meeting he estimated the profits of 1911-12 at £50,000, and they had secured £72,000 odd. For this year he mentioned £97,000 as probable, but under favourable conditions—and he thought they were favourable—the profit would be considerably over that figure, and there was no reason, at all events, for him to reduce the estimates he had given them of £157,000 for the following year's profit. (Cheers.)

THE RUBBER INDUSTRY.

Although he saw that he was described as "a full-blooded optimist" (laughter)—which was no worse, at all events, than being called "a buccaneer from the Welsh mountains" (renewed laughter)—yet reviewing all that he had said at that meeting and other meetings in regard to the rubber industry, he had nothing to regret and nothing to withdraw. (Hear, hear.) It was a good many years before he had satisfied himself thoroughly on every question and every point which he considered had a bearing on the prosperity of the industry, but he settled satisfactorily those questions for himself, and, having done so, he had felt justified in putting his conclusion before every one with whom he was associated. He was satisfied that they were all going to do very well, and that the present position justified the very strongest optimism. (Cheers.) In the prospectus of the company they estimated for the first four years for a profit of £77,000, and they secured a net profit of £82,000. In their fifth year they had now £72,500, with the certainty before them of very much larger figures in the years to follow. The dividend now suggested brought up the total distribution so far to 75 per cent., and as he told them in January, 1909, that the first year in which they could hope to harvest anything like a crop of rubber was 1910-11, when they harvested 218,530lb., he did not think he had misled them. He told them also in January, 1909, that he believed that the increased consumption of the world would absorb all the cultivated rubber and all the wild rubber that would be put out at a price which would not necessitate their sacrificing very much of their profit. He was laughed at a good deal at the time, because in 1909 there were some people who thought they would be giving their rubber away for nothing at all in 1912; did not, however, think that those people had studied the possibilities of the industry quite as carefully as he himself had done.

THE WORLD'S PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION.

At a meeting of the Trust in July he ventured to give some figures, because he knew there were a great number of people interested in the industry who suffered great nervous shocks. (Laughter.) Of course, it was difficult to estimate the world's production and consumption of an article like rubber, but they had always been accustomed to do it in regard to tea, and therefore he had devalued to do it in regard to rubber. He gave the figures in July of the possible consumption of rubber in the world during this year; he had those figures now up to the end of October, and estimating for the last two months, they worked out very closely to what he had put them at—only rather better. The net result was that his estimate in July of 103,140 tons would work out at 108,250 tons. As regarded the world's probable production, as against his estimate of 91,000 tons, the actual production would be 94,700 tons. He had not given any estimate for Guayule or that rubber which was extracted from Jelutong; he had not included that, and it would possibly be 10,000 tons. The net result was that from all sources of every description, except waste, the available amount of rubber would be 104,700 tons, while the consumption would be 108,250 tons. That that was correct was demonstrated by the figures, because on November 1st, 1911, the total world's visible supply was 11,104 tons, and on November 1st this year it was 3,818 tons, or a decrease of 2,286 tons. On the 1st inst. the rough figures were that that decrease had been accentuated, and the total visible world's supply to-day was only 7,553 tons. That bore out what he had maintained—that consumption was going ahead quicker than production. (Cheers.)

In 1913 it was not anticipated that there would be at the current prices any large increase, or any increase at all, in the production of the wild supply of rubber. There would be an increase in the plantation rubber, and they expected it to go up to about 40,000 tons. He saw that all the American trade papers were estimating for between 20 per cent. and 30 per cent. increase in that country alone, and when they considered that the result this year had meant that America had used 13,000 tons odd herself increase, the whole of the increase which they could see could and would be easily absorbed by America alone, even if all the other countries of the world were going to stand still, and that, of course, was inconceivable. (Cheers.) It was generally admitted by all who had carefully and closely studied the figures that the statistical position of rubber to-day had never been stronger. A telegram reached the directors on Saturday telling them that the crop was steadily increasing, and that had been confirmed by the telegram he had given as to the amount harvested last month, which was a record. They said that the directors need have no doubt that the estimate would be secured, and they fore-shadowed a crop for next year of 1,540,000lb. (Cheers.)

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THE QUESTION OF SOUTH AMERICAN COMPETITION.

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Mr. Charles Ernest Morrison seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously; and resolutions were afterwards passed approving the payment of a final dividend of 25 per cent. in respect of the financial year ended August 31st, and re-electing the retiring directors, Mr. M. E. de Guigné and Mr. George Croft, and the auditors, Messrs. McAuliffe, Davis, and Hope.

A vote of thanks was afterwards passed to the chairman, the directors, and the staff.

THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

An extraordinary general meeting followed to consider resolutions (1) for subdividing the 250,000 shares of £1 each in the capital of the company into 2,500,000 shares of 2s. each; and (2) for confirming the provisional agreement made by the directors to acquire the estates of the Serdang (Sumatra) Rubber and Produce Estates (Limited) as from November 1st, 1912, at a purchase price of 7.75 fully-paid shares of the company, or the equivalent in fully-paid 2s. shares and £2,332 in cash.

The Chairman, in proposing the first resolution, stated that it was put forward entirely in the belief that it was solely in the interests of the proprietors. Naturally, it would throw a great deal more work upon the directors, because even in the matter of signing alone their work would be vastly increased, but they were willing to undertake the work in carrying out what they believed to be the proprietors' interests. When the directors decided on putting the proposal before the shareholders the price of the shares was £5, but it had since risen to £6.

Mr. C. E. Morrison seconded the motion, which was declared carried by "a very large majority," there being no discussion on the question.

The Chairman, in proposing the second resolution, stated that the matter was first brought before him in July last, but he left it over until he returned from his holiday. Meantime, he consulted his colleague, Mr. Croft, who was on the spot, and Mr. Ris, who was not only their manager, but a close personal friend of his, and both those gentlemen urged him to pay a much higher price than had been arranged. The first definite offer made to them was on October 15th, and it was £23,948, and although Mr. Ris and Mr. Croft were quite in favour of that price being accepted, he thought that, considering the great advantage it would be to the shareholders of the Serdang (Sumatra), to be associated with the share

holders of the United Serdang Company, a price based upon 10s. per share for their property was equitable as between the two classes of shareholders, but certainly not to the disadvantage of the shareholders of this company. The net result of the proposal was that they would pay 7,727 shares of the company for the property in question, the cash portion being recoverable. The price mentioned meant that this company would purchase 838 acres of planted rubber in addition to 4,000 acres of reserves, and, excluding all the value of the reserve land, they would get that planted acreage at £9.9s. per acre. (Cheers.) He had worked out that for the first five years the return on the money invested would average round about 50 per cent., and the last four years should work out at an average return of about 120 per cent.

Mr. F. E. Savill seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting then separated.

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In an evening, and many flaring paraffin torches lit up the large circus tent with a brilliant blaze. As the band struck up a waltz the curtains at the performers' entrance parted, and a handsome white horse cantered into the arena. On his broad sleek back rode a dainty girl, dressed in a low-necked bodice and short fluffy skirt of pale pink. The horse, knowing his work thoroughly, cantered steadily round and round on the soft sawdust, while the girl danced, sat, or stood, or performed many clever tricks, as she rode him without saddle or reins. Through paper loops over red, white, and blue ribbons, or wreaths of gaudy coloured flowers, jumped the girl, her golden hair flying loosely behind her, a smile on her little red lips, but her deep blue eyes fixed earnestly on her horse.

The tent was crowded, and the applause unstinted. It could easily be seen that the fair equestrienne was a popular favourite. She smiled and kissed her small white hands to the audience as the shouts of applause reached her ears; then, her performance over, she guided her mount out of the ring, through the opening in the canvas, into the field beyond. Here she sprang to the ground, hastened away, and lifting the flap of a small tent, disappeared from view.

At a table in the centre of the tent, three men, and a woman robed as "Britannia," were playing with a dirty dog-eared pack of cards. The table, which was old and blackened with use, had lost one of its legs in the many journeys of the company, and was kept upright by a rough stake, which had been nailed firmly, but clumsily, through the shining surface.

The girl now sat down and watched the players.

"How's the place filled, Sorrell?" inquired Tom, the dog-keeper to the circus.

"Full," answered Sorrell, gaily, resting her elbow on the corner of the table, "and very enthusiastic, too."

Tom, with a nod of approval, played the ace and gathered up the cards. With a growl Bill Watson, his opponent, flung his on the table. He had been losing all along, and this always affected his fiery temper. He thrust his seat aside, and with a sullen expression on his face slouched towards the door.

"Why does Fred keep such a man?" asked Sorrell. "Nobody likes him, and many hate him. He drinks fearfully, too, and will do some serious mischief some day, I'm certain."

"Don't mind him, Sorrell girl," said the eldest of the players, an old man with grey hair. He was called Daddy by the younger members of the show, and it was he who had found Sorrell twelve years ago, a tiny mite, lost in the streets of the town they were visiting. No one had claimed the child, so Sorrell had grown up among the circus children, sharing their games and their work, but as she grew older her tastes and ideas differed widely from those of her protectors, and she would often slip away where she could be alone, and wonder who she was, and if she would ever find out her true name and station.

The only one who really seemed to understand her was Jim Carlton, who played the jockey. He joined the circus about a year before, at a large manufacturing town, Carlton was practically penniless, and on his last legs, when he met Fred Smith, the proprietor of the show, and accepted his offer.

A firm friendship had sprung up between Jim and Sorrell, and on the man's side was fast ripening into love. Jim would have left the show when he had saved enough money to do so, but his admiration for Sorrell kept him by her side.

On a warm summer day, the morning performance was over, and Sorrell, in a picturesque, gipsy dress, was sitting idly on her caravan steps, when Jim the jockey appeared.

He seated himself by Sorrell's side as she moved to make room for him. They did not talk much, and after a while relapsed into silence. At length Jim spoke.

"Sorrell," he said, "I want to ask you a question. May I?"

Sorrell looked up shyly, and murmured, "What is it, Jim?"

Encouraged by her tone, Jim drew her to him and said passionately, "Sorrell, you know that I love you above everything; I can never be happy unless you love me too, and will marry me. Will you, Sorrell?" he added eagerly, his eyes searching her face to read her answer.

"Oh Jim! I do love you," cried Sorrell, "but I really can't marry you."

"Why, what do you mean?" cried Jim in astonishment.

"I don't know, Jim," replied Sorrell, looking cautiously round.

"Daren't," asked Jim bewildered.

"What can you be afraid of, dear?"

"Of Bill," faltered Sorrell. "I don't like the threats he made when I refused to listen to him last week. He said if I didn't marry him, I shouldn't marry anyone."

"Why, how absurd. You're quite frightened yourself, Sorrell," said Jim gaily. "You're all trembling. Our Bill's too much of a coward to raise a finger against a man like me."

"Not openly, perhaps," replied Sorrell, still unconvinced, "but there are so many ways. I daren't, Jim! I really daren't!"

"I tell you what, Sorrell, we'll keep it a secret. No one shall know about it till we are rich enough to go away together. There, that will satisfy you, won't it, darling?" said Jim triumphantly, and as Sorrell made no effort to stop him. Jim took an old-fashioned ring from his own finger and slipped it on to her dainty one.

Their opportunities for seeing one another alone were few and far between, but they were both thoroughly happy knowing that they belonged to each other.

One day Jim was preparing to enter the ring for the afternoon's performance, his horse ready saddled by his side, when Sorrell rushed excitedly up to him.

"Jim," she cried, "Oh, wait a minute. Don't go in to-day." She added, as she reached his side, "I know something will happen to you. Bill swore he'd do for you this morning when I refused to listen to him again. He knows our secret, but how he found out I don't know. Do get your things and leave this horrid circus before he can do anything to harm you."

"I must go in, Sorrell. Don't worry," cried Jim, kissing her anxious little face. Sorrell hung frantically on to him, and tried to prevent his mounting. "Bill can't hurt me in the ring, dear. Now don't you worry. I'll take care of myself for your sake," and, pushing her firmly but gently aside, he disappeared into the large tent.

Sorrell was not at all happy. She lingered about the exit, longing for Jim's reappearance. She listened with pleasure to the applause, then with anxiety to the thud of the horse's hoof.

Suddenly her quick ears caught a subdued murmur, followed by shouts.

She rushed into the tent, in time to see Jim rise out of the audience, apparently unhurt, while in the ring lay his saddle, with both its girths torn in two. Sorrell took it all in at a glance, and Jim's account afterwards only confirmed her opinion.

"I was riding round quite slowly," he said. "I jumped off, and took a leap straight on to the saddle, when it slipped from under my feet, the girths having given way, and I took a header into the audience. Fortunately, I fell among men, who broke my fall by catching me, and also saved their own necks. But how white you are, Sorrell; there is nothing to worry about. It's all over now, and no one hurt in the least."

"That's where you are mistaken, Jim," cried Sorrell; "it is only just begun. Don't you remember what I said before you went in? Oh! I know it's Bill's doing. The coward! I wish I was a man, and could fight him. Bill will kill you, Jim. I know he will. Don't let him. Oh don't let him," she cried wildly.

"Come, Sorrell," said Jim tenderly, "you are tired; come to your van for a bit, till you feel calmer."

Sorrell left the tent furious and terribly upset, and it was all Jim could do to quiet her, and prevent her openly denouncing Bill.

A few months later, Sorrell, having nothing to do, sat quietly at her caravan door looking out over the country and wishing she was independent of the show and her own mistress. Bill Watson had made no more attempts as yet to injure Jim, but Sorrell felt he was only a slumbering volcano awaiting his opportunity.

As she gazed out over the heather and pine trees a horse and its rider came slowly over the brow of the hill. When they neared the encampment Sorrell could distinguish that the rider was a remarkable pretty girl in a neat black habit, and the horse a well-bred, handsome bay, which cantered gently along the common edge towards the high road. The horse, as it approached the camp, caught sight of the donkeys, and swerved so suddenly that the girl was unseated and flung heavily on the turf. The horse, free of its burden, ran off down the lane.

Sorrell sprang up, crossed the road, and was soon by the girl's side, and raising her head from the ground. She whistled shrilly, and brought several of the gipsies to her side, Mrs. Smith among them.

The rider's hat had fallen off, and her long, golden hair hung loosely over her shoulders. A small cut on her forehead was bleeding freely, but no serious harm had been done as far as they could tell. Sorrell bathed the cut with her handkerchief soaked in fresh water which one of the children had brought from the spring, but it was some time before their efforts were rewarded by the opening of two clear brown eyes.

"Where am I?" the girl asked faintly.

"Don't worry, miss," said Mrs. Smith, "you're all right now, only a bit shaky and bruised-like. I dare say. Will you tell me your name, then we could send to your friends?"

"I'm Lady Mary Dalton, and staying with my friends at Rufford Hall. If you let them know they will send a carriage for me, for I don't think I'd better ride back."

Sorrell crossed over to a group of gipsies seated round the camp fire, and one of them soon detached himself from the group, and, saddling a horse, rode off to the Hall.

When Sorrell returned to Lady Mary's side she was greatly surprised to see Jim standing beside the injured girl, in earnest conversation, holding the runaway horse by the bridle, his face aglow with pleasure. A pang of jealousy flashed through Sorrell's heart, but she quickly stifled it and joined the pair.

The carriage from the Hall soon arrived, and Lady Mary was borne quickly away, a groom who had ridden up on the carriage mounting her horse and riding after it.

The circus was stopping a week on the common. They had been there three days now, and Sorrell had been worried the last two days by Jim's absence from the camp after the evening performance.

To-night for the third time, he had ridden off without saying where he was going, and Sorrell would not ask him. She began to feel uneasy. Where did he go? Had his rides anything to do with Lady Mary?

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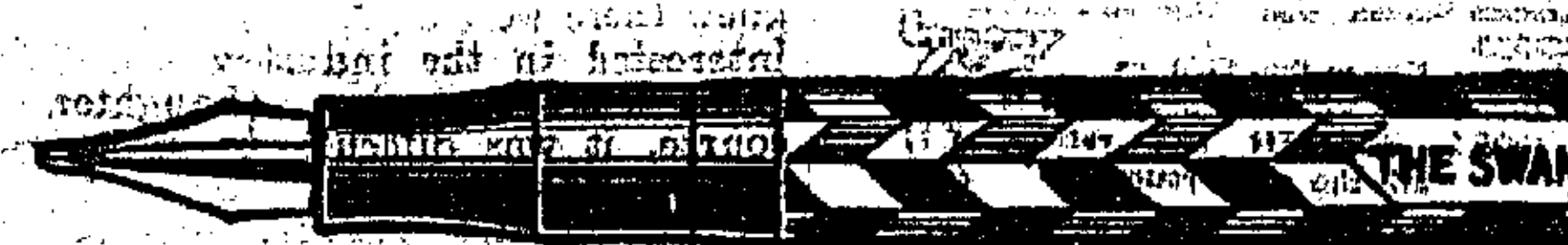
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Fresh to moderate monsoon is indicated over
the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for 24 hours ending at
10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon
to-day is as follows:

DISTRICT FORECAST.

Hongkong & Neighbourhood

Formosa Channel ... N.E. strong.

South coast of China between the same as
Hongkong and Liancocks. No. 1.

South coast of China between the same as
Hongkong and Hainan. No. 1.

N.E. and E. winds, fresh; cloudy, drizzling
rain or mist.

**BRITISH INDIA S. N. CO., LTD.
APCAR LINE.**REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN
CALCUTTA, STRAITS, SHANGHAI AND JAPAN PORTS.**EASTWARD.**

S.S. "ARRATOON APCAR," 4,450 tons, Capt. R. F. Thomson, will be despatched
YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ and MOJI on 3rd Jan., at 1 p.m.
S.S. "JELUNG," 5,205 tons, Capt. D. Macfadyen, will be despatched
to SHANGHAI, KOBÉ and MOJI (YOKOHAMA if sufficient inducement offers)
on 16th Jan.

WESTWARD.

S.S. "THONGWA," 6,298 tons, Capt. R. P. Fysh, will be despatched for
SINGAPORE, PENANG and CALCUTTA on 31st Dec., at 3 p.m.
S.S. "GREGORY APCAR," 4,600 tons, Capt. J. E. Drake, will be despatched
as above on 6th Jan.
The above Steamers have excellent Saloon accommodation for Passengers and are fitted
with all modern conveniences and carry a fully qualified surgeon.
For Freight or passage, apply to—

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1912.

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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL
LINES.**

FOR STRAITS TONS TO SAIL.

NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, "KLEIST," Capt. L. MAASS, 17,000, Wed'ay, 8th

GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP AND HAMBURG ... Jan., at 10 a.m.

SHANGHAI, TSINGTAU, KOBÉ, "GOEBEN," Capt. A. AHLBORN, 17,300, About Thursday,

and YOKOHAMA ... 9th Jan.

MANILA, YAP, SAMARAI, "PRINZ WALDEMAR," Capt. H. BRUNER, 6,100, Saturday, 23th

MAONN, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE ... Dec., at 5 p.m.

KOBÉ and YOKOHAMA ... "COBLENZ," Capt. L. KROGIST, 6,100, About Tuesday,

7th Jan.

KUDAT and SANDAKAN ... "BORNEO," Capt. F. SEWELL, 5,000, Beginning of

Jan.

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1912.

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MAGNIFICENT FAST LINERS.

STEAMSHIP DISPLACEMENT.

"GOEBEN" 17,300 tons ON FEBRUARY 4TH.

Capt. A. AHLBORN.

"BREMEN" 21,000, ON FEBRUARY 19TH.

Capt. B. WILHELM.

"DERFELINGER" 17,250, ON MARCH 4TH.

Capt. F. PROBSCH.

"PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH" 16,000, ON MARCH 19TH.

Capt. E. MALCHOW.

"BUELOW" 17,250, ON APRIL 1ST.

Capt. H. FORNER.

"PRINZESS ALICE" 20,300, ON APRIL 16TH.

Capt. L. FRANK.

"LUETZOW" 17,300, ON APRIL 29TH.

Capt. J. BORTFELD.

* THESE STEAMERS WILL CALL AT MANILA DIRECT ON THE VOYAGE

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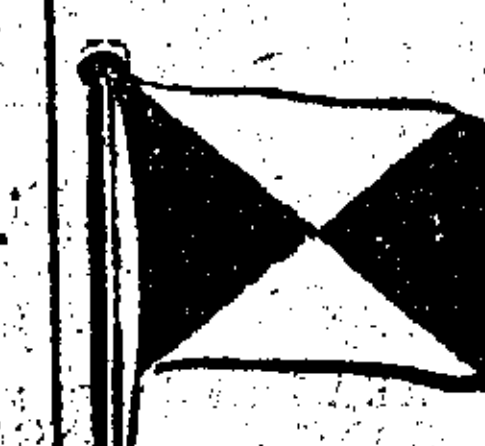
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Hongkong, 17th December, 1912.

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STEAMSHIP TONS CAPTAIN FOR SAILING DATE

ZAFIRO 4000 MacMurray Manila, Mangarin, On 28th Dec., 4 p.m.

RUBI 4000 J. Miller Manila, Mangarin, On 7th Jan., 4 p.m.

Hilo and Cebu

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers,

Hongkong, 24th December, 1912. PHILIPPINES S.S. CO. [13]

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

ANGON, German str., 1,005, C. Kumpel, 27th December—Swatow 26th December, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
CYCLOS, British str., 9,032, D. Arthur, 27th December—Manila 25th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
DAITO MARU, Japanese str., 1,295, Kata-yama, 26th December—Port Arthur 19th December, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
FUKU MARU, Japanese str., 3,057, H. Tomioka, 26th December—Mojito 20th December, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
HAIMON, British str., 615, J. W. Evans, 27th December—Swatow 26th December, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
J. B. AND KESSLER, Dutch str., 3,195, J. V. Biesen, 26th December—Tarakon 19th December, Bulk Oil—Asiatic Petroleum Co.
KANSA, British str., 27th December—Canton.
KAITONG, British str., 1,026, J. V. Sidford, 27th December—Manila 24th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
KACHIDATE MARU, Japanese str., 2,188, Ohaki, 25th December—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
NEIRIS, British str., 4,200, Lewis, 27th December—Singapore 22nd December, General—Butterfield & Swire.
PRINZ WALDEMAR, German str., 1,735, H. Bremer, 27th December—Yokohama 20th December, General—Melchers & Co.
RIONEN MARU, Japanese str., 4,805, Y. Yamaguchi, 27th December—Kobe 15th December, General—Order.
RUTHERFORD, British str., 2,752, W. Gay, 27th December—Wales 27th December, Coal—A. Weir & Co.

DEPARTURES.

December 27th.

BANKI MARU, Japanese str., for Kobe.
CLEVELAND, German str., for Haiphong.
ELOS, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.
HAIPHONG, British str., for Swatow.
HELENE, German str., for Hongkong.
JOHANN, German str., for Y'ham.
PRINZ LUDWIG, German str., for Y'ham.
WUK, British str., for Hongkong.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Xelens* reports: Strong N.E. wind, high moderate sea and squally.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Kaitong*, from Manila, Messrs. J. F. Janson, J. S. Dunn, F. B. Dilworth and B. Arceley.
Per *Prinz Waldemar*, from Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell.

DEPARTED.

Per *Luton*, for Genoa, etc., Mr. B. Petsche, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill, Mr. B. Chynowsky, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Ross, Mr. Whiting, Mr. la Roche, Mr. A. S. Libby, Mrs. Mary C. Frye, Miss H. J. Reed, Mrs. G. C. Bunce, Miss J. Moore, Mr. Wheat, Mr. J. B. Carr, Mr. Nagagawa and Mr. J. Heidemann.
Per *Prinz Ludwig*, for Shanghai, etc., Mr. B. Shalman, Rev. F. Garega, Mr. F. Jurnado, Miss E. Kake, Miss L. M. Hobart, Mr. R. M. Smith, Mr. Ph. Berges, Mr. P. Nye, Mr. J. J. Howard and servant, Mr. W. Stewart, Mr. H. Steele, Mr. Z. Itaraguchi and Mrs. Tokumori.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. *Manila* sailed from Yokohama on the 19th December, for this port via Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, between 10 a.m. and noon. Her mails arrived by the N.D.L. str. *Luton*.
The T.K.K. str. *Nippon Maru* arrived at Yokohama from Honolulu on the 24th December, and is expected in Hongkong on the 31st January.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I.M.G. str. *Coblenz* left Sydney on the 14th December, at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about 31st January.
The E. & A. str. *Eastern* left Sydney on the 18th December, for this port via Queensland Ports, Port Darwin and Manila.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The P. & O. str. *Sunda* left Singapore for this port on the 23rd December, at 8.30 a.m., and is due here on the 30th December, at about 6 a.m.
The American & Manchurian Line str. *Kansas* left Sabang on the 22nd December, and is due here on or about 30th December, p.m.

The Apar str. *Ararat* left from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 22nd December, p.m., and may be expected here on or about 30th December.

The H.A.L. str. *Altmark* left Singapore on the 26th December, a.m., and may be expected here on or about 1st January.

The str. *Kansas* passed the Suez Canal on the 3rd December, and is due here on or about 31st January.

The T.K.K. str. *Nippon Maru* arrives at Yokohama from Honolulu on the 24th January, and is expected here on the 18th January.

The str. *Glenroy* passed the Suez Canal on the 20th December, for Hongkong via Straits.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
Footang, from Calcutta, is due in Hongkong 2nd January.

SHIRE LINE, LIMITED.
Indramayo, from New York, is due in Hongkong 31st December.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "h," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard 4. From Naval Yard to East Point

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAMES.	FLAG & REG.	REMARKS.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO.	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL, &c.	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	E. P. Martin, R.N.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	SUMATRA	Brit. str.	—	W. E. Le Mare, R.N.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 8th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	MONMOUTHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	Doat	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	About 18th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	—	Jager	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 11th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	FURBER BUELOW	Ger. str.	—	Buch	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 24th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SAMBA	Ger. str.	—	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 16th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	ARMENIA	Ger. str.	—	Luening	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 25th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	GOLDENHOF	Ger. str.	—	Diedrichsen	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 5th Feb.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 7th Feb.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	AWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	R. Shimizu	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st Jan., at D'light.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	OKLEY	Brit. str.	—	J. Kanoo	THE BANK LINE, LTD.	On 31st inst., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	PANAMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Saito	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 7th Jan., at 2 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SEATTLE MARU	Jap. str.	—	L. Maas	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 23rd Jan., at 2 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	KEIST	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	On 8th Jan., at 10 a.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	PERSEA	Aus. str.	—	—	SANDER, WIEBER & CO.	About 31st inst.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	KORBER	Aus. str.	—	—	SANDER, WIEBER & CO.	On 19th Jan., at 5 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SCHUYLKILL	Am. str.	—	—	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 30th inst.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SWAZI	Am. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 11th Jan., at 7 a.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. Davison	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 8th Jan., at 7 a.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Am. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 31st inst., at 1 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	NILE	Am. str.	—	—	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 7th Jan., at 1 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	MONGOLIA	Jap. str.	—	A. G. Stevens	TOYO KAISEN KAISHA	On 15th Jan., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	NIPPON MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	ARTHUR NIELSEN & CO.	On 15th Jan., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	ANTON	Ger. str.	—	H. Bremer	MELCHERS & CO.	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Brit. str.	—	T. Sekine	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	ST. ALBANS	Brit. str.	1 m.	Tallock	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 15th Jan., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	—	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 1st Feb., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	SANDER, WIEBER & CO.	About 30th inst.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	DUBERIC	Jap. str.	—	—	DAVID SABSON & CO., LTD.	On 3rd Jan., at 1 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	KIYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 14th Jan., at D'light.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan., at 11 a.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	About 7th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 15th Jan., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst., at 10 a.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Midnight.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Daylight.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Daylight.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th inst., at 6 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 30th inst.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 2nd Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 5th Jan., at D'light.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 6th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 9th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 14th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Jan., at 10 a.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 10 a.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Daylight.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Jan., at 10 a.m.
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ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 2 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst., at 4 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 4th Jan., at 2 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 7th Jan., at 4 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 6th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst., at 3 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Jan., at 2 p.m.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th Jan., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Beginning of Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Jan., at 9 a.m.

THE ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY.

"SHIRE" LINE SERVICE.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA... "CARMARTHENSHIRE" About 14th Jan.
FOR LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP... "PEMBROKESHIRE" About 18th Jan.
FOR LONDON & ANTWERP... "PEMBROKESHIRE" About 4th Feb.
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Hongkong, 27th December, 1912.

INDO-CHINA S. N. V. CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR MANILA... "LOONGSANG" Saturday, 28th Dec. 2 p.m.
FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW... "WING-SANG" Sunday, 29th Dec. D'light.
FOR SHANGHAI... "CHOY-SANG" Sunday, 29th Dec. D'light.
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBÉ & MOJITO... "FOOKSANG" Saturday, 4th Jan. Noon.
FOR MANILA... "YUENSANG" Saturday, 4th Jan. 2 p.m.
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA... "KUTSANG" Friday, 10th Jan. 2 p.m.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.

The Steamers "KUTSANG" and "FOOKSANG" leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong.

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GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1912.

BRITISH INDIA S. N. CO., LD.

NEW FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN KOBÉ, HONGKONG AND RANGOON.

WESTWARD.

The S.S. "OKARA" 5,291 tons gross, Captain E. B. Hirst, will be despatched for SINGAPORE, PENANG and RANGOON on 12th Jan., 1913, at Noon, and will be followed by the S.S. "UPADA" 5,257 tons gross, Capt. Logan, sailing hence on or about the 26th Jan., 1913, at Noon, taking Cargo at Current Rates.

EASTWARD.

The S.S. "FULTALA" 4,154 tons gross, Captain H. W. Tallant, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA and KOBÉ on the 14th Jan., at D'light, taking Cargo and Passengers at Current Rates.

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1912.

CANADIAN PACIFIC ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, AND ST. JOHN, N.B. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR VANCOUVER. From Hongkong. "EMPEROR OF INDIA" Sat., 11th Jan. "EMPEROR OF JAPAN" Sat., 8th Feb. "MONTEAGLE" Sat., 8th Mar.
FOR LIVERPOOL. From St. John. "EMPEROR OF IRELAND" Feb., 7th Feb. "EMPEROR OF IRELAND" Feb., 7th Mar. "EMPEROR OF IRELAND" Feb., 4th Apr.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY.

The Post Office will be open on Wednesday, the 1st January, 1913, from 8 till 9 a.m. only. There will be no delivery of ordinary correspondence and no collection of letters on Sundays.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

FOR	PER	DATE
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hongkong	Saturday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.
Philippine Islands	Loongang	Saturday, 28th, 1.00 P.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Saturday, 28th, 1.15 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Safiro	Saturday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands, Yap, Maroon, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbershohe, Matepi, Samatai, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Brisbane	Prins Waldemar	Saturday, 28th, 4.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Choyang	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
(EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)	Linn	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Shanghai and North China	Wingyang	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy	Kansu	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Formosa via Tamsui	Daigi Maru	Sunday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Haimun	Sunday, 29th, 9.00 A.M.
Straits, and India via Calcutta	Thongwa	Monday, 30th, NOON
Japan via Kuchino, Victoria, Tacoma, Vancouver and Seattle	Cyclops	Monday, 30th, 2.00 P.M.
Formosa via Takao	Fukui Maru	Monday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Manzanillo and Guaymas (Mexico)	Kathe	Monday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
SATON, STRAITS, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADELAIDE, EGYPT and EUROPE via MARSEILLES	Ernest Simons	Registration, 4.00 P.M. B.O. at 3.30 P.M. Letters at 5.00 P.M.
Port Courbet	Tientsin	Tuesday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.
Tsingtau, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Dalay	Changchow	Tuesday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya and Moessart	Tjmanock	Tuesday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via NAGASAKI, HONOLULU, CANADA, UNITED STATES and SOUTH AMERICA via SAN FRANCISCO	Nile	Tuesday, 31st, 10.00 A.M. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 11.00 A.M.) B.O. at 9.30 A.M. Letters at NOON
Philippine Islands	Kaifong	Tuesday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
SATON, STRAITS, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADELAIDE, EGYPT and EUROPE via MARSEILLES	Caledonien	Registration, 4.00 P.M. B.O. at 3.30 P.M. Letters at 5.00 P.M.
Fort Bayard, Haiphong, Pakhoi and Saigon	Si-Kiang	Wednesday, 1st, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haimun	Wednesday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hoiyung	Thursday, 2nd, 5.00 P.M.
Japan via Yokohama	Arratoon Apoc	Friday, 3rd, NOON

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Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2-1/2
Credit, at 4 months' sight	2-1/2
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	2-1/2
ON HANKOW:	
Bank Bills, on demand	26 1/2
Credit, at 4 months' sight	26 1/2
ON SHANGHAI:	
On demand	212
On New York:	
Bank Bills, on demand	50 1/2
Credit, at 60 days' sight	51 1/2
ON HONGKONG:	
Telegraphic Transfer	153 1/2
Bank, on demand	154
ON CALCUTTA:	
Telegraphic Transfer	153 1/2
Bank, on demand	154
ON SHANGHAI:	
Bank, at sight	71 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	72 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA:	
On demand—Pesos	101 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:	
On demand	88 1/2
ON ATAVIA:	
On demand	1 1/2 p.m.
ON AIPHONG:	
On demand	3 1/2
ON BANGKOK:	
On demand	74
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Hongkong	10	\$6.65

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

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December 6th.	December 23rd.

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 27th DECEMBER, 1912.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$830, sales
China Bank Corporation, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	1/100 \$84 10/-
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$5	all	\$9 1/2, buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$2.90, sellers
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	\$9, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	Tls. 121, buyers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	\$8 1/2, sales
DOCKERS AND WHARVES.—				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$2 1/2, buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$5 1/2, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$64	all	\$6 1/2, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 55, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	35,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 103
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$16	all	\$4 1/2
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$25 1/2, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$11 1/2, buyers
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	8,000	Ps. 10	all	\$75
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	15,000	\$25	all	\$8 1/2, sales
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	5,000	\$10	all	\$20
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$19, buyers
INSURANCE.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	all	\$270
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$20, buyers
China Trade Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$33.33	all	\$100
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	all	\$378, buyers
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	all	Tls. 135
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	all	\$817 1/2, sellers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	all	\$192 1/2, @ Ex 73
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$105
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$8 1/2, sales
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	all	\$30, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 50
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$57, buyers
Masthead Building Co., Limited	25,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 72 1/2, buyers
MINING.—				
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$1	all	35/-
Trench Mines, Limited	150,000	\$1	all	\$2 1/2, buyers
Heawood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ltd.	82,000	2/-	all	4/-
Ranch Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	25,000	\$10	all	\$1 1/2, buyers
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	50,000	\$1 1/2	all	\$1
Philippine Co., Limited	75,000	\$1 1/2	all	\$5
RAFFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$106, buyers
London Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$34, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$12 1/2, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$34 1/2, buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$1	all	\$2 1/2, sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	25	all	\$88 1/2, 1/100
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,500,000	\$1	all	111 1/6, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	33,000	\$10	all	\$35, sales
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	all	\$22
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$1	all	\$4 1/2, buyers
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$25
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$8 1/2, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$3 1/2, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	30,000	\$10	all	\$6 10, buyers
Waisman, Limited	3,000	\$10	all	\$17, buyers
Gande, Price & Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$6
Societe des Papiers et Papeteries du Tonkin	13,200	\$50	all	\$30, sellers
Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	all	\$9 1/2, sellers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 shares	\$10	all	\$30 1/2
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$10	all	\$14, sales
	325,000	5/-	all	5/-, sellers

Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1885	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P.M. str. *Persia*, with the American mail, left San Francisco for this port via Japan and Shanghai on the 21st December.

The M.M. str. *Ernest Simons* left Shanghai on the 27th December, at noon, and, expected to arrive here on the 30th December, at daylight. She will leave for Europe on the same day about 10 p.m.

The M.M. str. *Caledonia* will leave Shanghai on the 28th December, at noon, and is due to arrive here on the 31st December, at daylight. She will leave for Europe on the same day about 7 p.m.

The P.M. str. *Mongolia* arrived at Manila on the 27th December, between 2 and 4 a.m., and is expected to leave that port for Hongkong on the 31st December, between 2 and 4 p.m.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 28th Dec. 1912 to 3rd Jan. 1913.

HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Day of Week.	Day of Month.	H'kong. Mean Time.	Height.	Day of Week.	Day of Month.	H'kong. Mean Time.	Height.
Satur.	28	h. m.	ft. in.	Sat.	28	h. m.	ft. in.
		1 46 a	4 3			6 48	0 5
Sun.	29	0 0	7 6	Sun.	29	5 6 a	3 7
		2 38 a	4 5			7 39	1 0
Mon.	30	1 18	6 8	Mon.	30	6 14 a	3 8
		3 30 a	4 8			8 31	1 5
Tues.	31	2 46	6 1	Tues.	31	7 40 a	3 9
		4 20 a	5 2			9 25	2 1
Wed.	1	4 16	5 4	Wed.	1	8 52 a	3 7
		5 44 a	7 7			10 13	2 6
Thurs.	2	5 47 a	9	Thurs.	2	10 5	3 0
		6 45 a	5 2			11 41	3 3
Fri.	3	7 33	4 6			0 44	2 4
		8 24	6 6			1 11	4 1

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9.15 P.M.—Bijou Scenic Theatre.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Monday, 30th Dec.—

9.15 P.M.—Farris Hartman Co. at the Theatre Royal.—“The Camps.”

Wednesday, 1st Jan.—

New Year Day.

Tuesday, 7th Jan.—

9.15 P.M.—Allen Willis Co. at the Theatre Royal.—“A Bunch of Violets.”

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 27th.

	Previous On Date	On Date
	Day at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.
Barometer	30.20	30.12
Temperature	66	59
Humidity	62	70
Wind Direction	East	ENE
Force	4	2
Weather	b	o
Rain	—	—

Highest open air Temperature on 26th... 68.
Lowest open air Temperature on 26th... 55.

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